

## ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A backlight unit is provided, which comprising a light source for generating light, and an element  
5 comprising an incident portion, through which light generated by the light source enters into the element, and an emitting portion through which the entering light is emitted after traveling through the element. A rib is provided on at least a portion of a periphery of the  
10 element to reinforce the element, and a panel receiving portion is provided at a portion of the element surrounded by the rib.